

Amendments to the ClaimsClaims 1-13 (canceled)Claim 14 (currently amended)

A method for securing electrical wiring to a metal framing member having a face and two sides with a wiring clip, wherein the wiring clip comprises:

a main body;

a first arm, wherein said first arm is located at a first end of said main body, and said first arm comprises a first attachment means for attaching said first arm to a first side of a metal framing member having a face and two sides;

a second arm, wherein said second arm is located at a second end of said main body and said second arm comprises a second attachment means for attaching said second arm to a second side of the metal framing member; and

a wire receiving area adjacent the main body, wherein the wire receiving ~~areas~~ area is located between the first arm and the second arm,

the method for securing comprising the following steps:

a) positioning the electrical wiring parallel to the length of the metal framing member;

b) attaching said first arm to a first side of the metal framing member via said first attachment means for attaching said first arm to a first side of the metal framing member;

c) moving the wiring clip over the metal framing member such that the electrical wiring is positioned within said wire receiving area;

d) attaching said second arm to a second side of the metal framing member via said second attachment means for attaching said second arm to a second side of the metal framing member such that the wiring positioned within the wire receiving area is secured to the face of the metal framing member wherein the wiring positioned within the wire receiving area is centrally positioned on the face of the metal framing member between the first side of the metal framing member and the second side of the metal framing member.

Claim 15 (previously amended)

The method for securing electrical wiring to a metal framing member having a face and two sides with a wiring clip according to claim 14, further comprising the step of securing the wiring clip to the metal framing member with a secondary attachment means for attaching the wiring clip to the metal framing member.

Claim 16 (previously amended)

The method for securing electrical wiring to a metal framing member having a face and two sides with a wiring clip according to claim 15, wherein said secondary attachment means for attaching the wiring clip to the metal framing is a screw, wherein said method comprises: attaching the wiring clip to the metal framing member with the screw.

Claim 17 (canceled)Claim 18 (original)

The method for securing electrical wiring to a metal framing member having a face and two sides with a wiring clip according to claim 14, wherein said method is for securing electrical wiring to a two-by-four metal framing member having a face and two sides with a wiring clip.

Claim 19 (original)

The method according to claim 18, wherein the wiring positioned within the wire receiving area is secured to the face of the metal framing member so as to be located at least 1 ¼ inches from the first side of the metal framing member and located at least 1 ¼ inches from the second side of the metal framing member.

Claim 20 (original)

The method according to claim 14, wherein the wiring positioned within the wire receiving area is secured within the wire receiving area.

Claim 21 (previously added)

The method for securing electrical wiring to a metal framing member having a face and two sides with a wiring clip according to claim 14,

wherein the wiring clip comprises a wire compression member within said wire receiving area, wherein said method comprises compressing the wiring located within the wire receiving area against the framing member when the wiring clip is attached to the framing member.

Claim 22 (previously added)

The method according to claim 21, wherein the wire compression member is made of a substantially resilient material.

Claim 23 (previously added)

The method according to claim 22, wherein the wire compression member is made of a material selected from the group consisting of: foam material and rubber material.

Claim 24 (currently amended)

The method according to claim 14, wherein the first attachment means is a J-hook, wherein said method comprises attaching the first arm to the first side of the metal framing member via a the J-hook.

Claim 25 (currently amended)

The method according to claim 24, wherein the second attachment means for attaching comprises a bend in the second arm which can be slipped around an inner edge of the second side of the framing member, wherein said method comprises slipping the bend in the second arm around the inner edge of the second side of the framing member.

Claim 26 (previously added)

The method according to claim 14, wherein the wiring clip is made of a flexible metal.

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Docket No. CLT-100  
Serial No. 09/629,241Claim 27 (previously added)

The method according to claim 14, wherein the wiring clip is made of a flexible plastic.

Claim 28 (currently amended)

~~The method according to claim 14, A method for securing electrical wiring to a metal framing member having a face and two sides with a wiring clip, wherein the wiring clip comprises:~~

~~a main body;~~

~~a first arm, wherein said first arm is located at a first end of said main body, and said first arm comprises a first attachment means for attaching said first arm to a first side of a metal framing member having a face and two sides;~~

~~a second arm, wherein said second arm is located at a second end of said main body and said second arm comprises a second attachment means for attaching said second arm to a second side of the metal framing member; and~~

~~a wire receiving area adjacent the main body, wherein the wire receiving area is located between the first arm and the second arm, wherein the wire receiving area comprises a means for closeably securing the wiring within the wire receiving area, wherein the method comprises~~

~~the method for securing comprising the following steps:~~

~~a) attaching said first arm to a first side of the metal framing member via said first attachment means for attaching said first arm to a first side of the metal framing member;~~

~~b) attaching said second arm to a second side of the metal framing member via said second attachment means for attaching said second arm to a second side of the metal framing member;~~

~~c) positioning the electrical wiring along the metal framing member such that the electrical wiring is positioned within said wire receiving area;~~

~~d) closeably securing the wiring within the wire receiving area such that the wiring positioned within the wire receiving area is secured to the face of the metal framing member wherein the wiring positioned within the wire receiving area is centrally positioned on the face of the metal framing member between the first side of the metal framing member and the second side of the metal framing member.~~

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Claim 29 (previously added)

The method according to claim 28, wherein the means for closeably securing the wiring within the wire receiving area comprises a snap mechanism, wherein the snap mechanism opens and closes the wire receiving area, wherein the method comprises closeably securing the wiring within the wire receiving area by snapping the snap mechanism closed when the wiring is within the wire receiving area.

Claim 30 (previously added)

The method according to claim 14, wherein the first arm and the second arm are thin enough to not interfere with the attachment of a covering material to the framing member.

Claim 31 (previously added)

The wiring clip according to claim 14, wherein the first arm and the second arm allow fastening screws to penetrate through, wherein the method comprises securing the wiring clip to the metal framing member by penetrating fastening screws through at least one of the first arm and the second arm.

Claim 32 (new)

A method for securing electrical wiring to a metal framing member having a face and two sides with a wiring clip, wherein the wiring clip comprises:

a main body;

a first arm, wherein said first arm is located at a first end of said main body, and said first arm comprises a first attachment means for attaching said first arm to a first side of a metal framing member having a face and two sides;

a second arm, wherein said second arm is located at a second end of said main body and said second arm comprises a second attachment means for attaching said second arm to a second side of the metal framing member; and

a wire receiving area adjacent the main body, wherein the wire receiving areas area is located between the first arm and the second arm,

the method for securing comprising the following steps:

- a) positioning the electrical wiring along the metal framing member;
- b) attaching said first arm to a first side of the metal framing member via said first attachment means for attaching said first arm to a first side of the metal framing member;
- c) moving the wiring clip over the metal framing member such that the electrical wiring is positioned within said wire receiving area;
- d) attaching said second arm to a second side of the metal framing member via said second attachment means for attaching said second arm to a second side of the metal framing member such that the wiring positioned within the wire receiving area is secured to the face of the metal framing member wherein the wiring positioned within the wire receiving area is centrally positioned on the face of the metal framing member between the first side of the metal framing member and the second side of the metal framing member.